

REMARKS

Claims 3, 7, and 10 are pending after entry of this paper. Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 11-28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled claims in a divisional or continuing application.

Response to Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner has maintained the rejection to claims 3, 7, and 10 in view of claims 3-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,713,301 (PTO-892; Reference A). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's contentions. However, in order to expedite prosecution, without prejudice to the subject matter recited in the instant application, the applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 3, 7, and 10 in view of the terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks and terminal disclaimer, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **504827**, Order No. 1004263.125US.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **504827**, Order No. 1004263.125US.

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